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Field Crops

For the week ending December 18, **Cotton** harvest is complete on 91 percent of the acreage compared to 88 percent last year and the five year average of 94 percent. **Cotton** condition remains mostly fair to good.

Alfalfa harvest is active on over half of the State's acreage. **Alfalfa** condition remains mostly good. Range and pasture conditions across the State are mostly poor. Small grain planting continues.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, greens, iceberg lettuce, romaine lettuce, other lettuce, miscellaneous herbs, parsley, and spinach. Citrus produce was also shipped.

Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, green onions, greens, iceberg lettuce, romaine lettuce, other lettuce, processed lettuce, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, miscellaneous herbs, parsley, spinach, and other vegetables. Citrus produce was also shipped.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	-Percent-				
Alfalfa	0	3	27	58	12
Cotton	0	4	42	43	11
Range and Pasture	31	37	19	10	3

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
	-Percent-			
Cotton Harvest	91	87	88	94

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly below normal for the week ending December 17. Temperatures ranged from 6 degrees below normal at Kingman to 2 degrees above normal at Douglas. The highest temperature of the week was 72 degrees at Parker. The

lowest reading occurred in Winslow at 0 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 4 of the 17 reporting stations. Douglas received the highest amount of precipitation at 0.10 inches and Tucson received the lowest amount at 0.01 inches.

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**Temperatures and Precipitation Data
December 11 - December 17, 2005**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	32	-5	50	2	0.05	9.31	9.25
Casa Grande	52	-1	70	31	0.00	7.41	8.80
Coolidge	52	-4	68	24	0.00	8.97	9.07
Douglas	46	2	62	26	0.10	11.76	13.26
Flagstaff	30	-4	52	2	0.00	24.10	22.04
Gila Bend	55	-5	70	26	0.00	4.38	6.60
Grand Canyon	32	-4	49	6	0.00	15.31	15.93
Kingman	44	-6	62	11	0.00	11.11	9.56
Parker	54	-4	72	27	0.00	6.71	4.89
Payson	40	-2	58	14	0.00	22.89	21.20
Phoenix	55	-2	67	35	0.00	7.00	7.87
Prescott Airport	38	-2	60	13	0.00	16.29	13.61
Safford Ag Center	45	-2	62	19	0.02	8.11	9.37
Tucson	52	0	68	29	0.01	9.12	11.61
Willcox*							
Winslow	34	-6	55	0	0.00	6.09	7.75
Yuma	57	-3	71	34	0.00	5.99	2.76

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

*Data unavailable this week.

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